providing all services to every member from any EPF location on a real time basis. This modernisation programme will enable the subscriber to access his account balance and file his claim from any of the Offices of the EPFO as against the present system which limits him to only one office where he is registered and to reduce the time between receipt of claim to issue of a cheque to 2-3 days as against the present stipulated time of 30 days. The first phase of the modernization programme involving setting up of pilot centres in following six locations covering all four zones, is proposed to be made operational in a time span of 24 months.

West Zone	Indore & Kota
East Zone	Patna
North Zone	Gurgaon
South Zone	Hyderabad & Mangalore

After stablisation of six pilot centres the redesigned system is proposed to be replicated all over the country in a phased manner.

Plight of workers of Khatau Mills, Mumbai

5348. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of workers of the Khatau Mills, Mumbai, who are facing hard for their livelihood due to closure of the mill some years back;

(b) whether Government are also aware that despite courts'and Government's orders workers are not being paid their dues in contravention of Labour Laws and only suicide is a way out;

(c) whether Government would intervene in the matter to implement Court's order to pay the dues;

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(e) if not, whether Government would leave thousand of workers and their families to die without bread?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.